

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

April 29, 2010

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), Michael Kelly (W2), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Amy Valentine (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

Absent: None

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on April 22, 2010 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Valentine
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending April 28, 2010 in the amount of \$ 246,048.00 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Jackson
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of April 22 – April 28, 2010
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from January 15 – April 26, 2010
- Statement of cash receipts from the Library from March 1 – March 31, 2010

RESOLVED: That the reports as read are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills approved by the Auditing Committee of the Common Council in the amount of \$ 1,746,360.40 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Jackson
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL: None

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that Contract #2009-07 awarded to GRAYCO Electric Inc. for “Electrical Services for Water Pollution Control Plant” be extended for one-year until June 27, 2011 and that the Mayor be authorized to execute the necessary contract agreement for this work to commence.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Calnon
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that Contract #2007-06 awarded to Drummac Septic for “hauling of sludge for Water Pollution Control Plant” be extended for one-year and that the Mayor be authorized to execute the necessary contract agreement for this work to commence.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Rabideau
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that Contract #2008-09 awarded to Total Control System Services for “instrumentation-Water Pollution Control Plant” be extended for one-year until June 27, 2011 and that the Mayor be authorized to execute the necessary contract agreement for this work to commence.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

D. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Bill Treacy, Manager MLD to write-off unpaid final bills from April 1, 2009 to April 30, 2009 in the total amount of \$2,542.60. The percentage of write-offs for this period is .16%.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Valentine

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Fire Chief Paul Williams to attend New York State Career Chiefs Meeting on May 18, 2010 in Ithaca, NY at a cost not to exceed \$300.

By Councilor Valentine; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Steven LaFaive, Laboratory Technician to attend NYSDEC Certification courses to obtain his operator's license at SUNY Morrisville in three separate sessions at a cost not to exceed \$5,275.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Rabideau

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:

1. Request from the Bill Treacy, Manager MLD to advertise for sealed bid for PMLD BID NO. 2010-5-2 "Floor Mat Service for 6 Miller Street." Bid Opening Date: May 25, 2010 at 11:00 am.
2. Request from the Bill Treacy, Manager MLD to advertise for sealed bid for PMLD BID NO. 2010-5-1 "Install & Calibrate Electrical Relays at St Lawrence 1 and Addoms Street substations." Bid Opening Date: June 2, 2010 at 11:00 am.
3. Request from the Community Development Office for a Change Order to Project Main St. BIP 2008 #8 at 72 Margaret St. in the total amount of \$10,755.00 for work involved to install new windows.
4. Request from Jonathan Ruff, Environmental Manager that the Mayor be authorized to amend CDM's existing agreement at a not to exceed amount of \$10,000. Funding is from Capital Project H8130.51.
5. Request from Jonathan Ruff, Environmental Manager that the Mayor be authorized to execute the MWH agreement at a not to exceed amount of \$10,000. Funding is from Capital Project H8130.51.
6. Request from the City Chamberlain to approve a 2010 budget transfer from Contingency Contract Services to Parks & Recreation Contract Services to pay for the NYS DEC 2009 site visits/inspections required under Brownfield compliance regulations for the CP Rail Yard (Waterfront Development Project).
7. Request from Kevin Farrington City Engineer to award Graymont Materials (NY) Inc contract #2010-07 for "Ready Mix Concrete" at a total estimated cost of \$36,400.
8. Request from Reality Check and the Adirondack Tobacco Free Network to host a "Champions of the 70's" Press Event in Trinity Park on Friday, May 28, 2010 between 10 am and 1:30 pm.
9. Request from Police Chief Desmond Racicot for a Police officer and a civilian employee to attend the "TraCS Statewide Lead Agency Users Conference" in Syracuse, NY from June 2 - 3, 2010 at an estimated cost not to exceed \$284.00 and will be paid out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund (DOJ Funds).
10. Request from Bill Treacy, Manager MLD to attend NYMPA 13th Annual Meeting on May 26 - 27, 2010 in East Syracuse, NY at a cost not to exceed \$265.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Carpenter wanted to congratulate the Fire Department on 2 great saves this week.

Councilor Jackson wanted to let everyone know that he along with **Councilors Kelly and Rabideau** went on a tour of Catherine Gardens and it was coming along nicely. He said the third floor had beautiful views from the windows.

Councilor Valentine stated she had asked for the tour but was unable to attend due to work schedule. She would like to tour it another time and **Councilor Carpenter** said he was unable to attend as well and would be interested in going on the tour.

Councilor Jackson shared the following:

As I was sitting at my kitchen table this morning reading the paper I started looking at the entries for the Kentucky Derby. Now let me start by saying I am a very very casual observer of horse racing. I always pick my horses based on their names and for this year's Derby I will be betting on "Jackson Bend" and "Homeboykris". One is a long shot and the other is a decent bet.

That got me thinking about the entire Council and the Mayor and I started looking for horse names that in my opinion, would apply to each of us. Then the whole horse race analogy started to really percolate in me brain.

As far as THIS term in office, or RACE, is concerned, we are rounding the 4th turn and heading for the stretch.

Now Amy, I didn't really read the article to see if there was a Filly in the race, but only because you have chosen not to run, I would suggest the horse you should bet on is "Conveyance".

Ah, but the rest of us. Some have said they are running in the next race others are still back in the paddock and we don't know if they are going to run or be a late scratch from the race.

But who can argue that around this table there is a "Super Saver" a "Devil May Care" a "Noble Promise" a "Mission Impossible" and "Lookin at Lucky" and an "American Lion". But as I kept thinking about it I realized we all, to some degree, possess portions of all these names.

We are all long shots, We are all sure things. It just depends on who you are talking to.

For those of you who don't know, we have one of the best political handicappers in our midst. The Brodi Line has an amazing record of accuracy. So as the next race begins I wish all the horses in the race the best. I hope the race is clean, and nobody falters.

Oh, and lest I forget, there is a horse that our local radio curmudgeon should lay \$2 on.

Ducky, "Backtalk" is waiting for your support

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:45 pm